

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 007035.00028)

In the Application of:)	
)	
Bourges)	Examiner:
)	TBA
Serial No.)	
TBA (U.S. national phase based on)	
PCT/FR2005/000551)	Art Unit:
)	TBA
Filed:)	
March 8, 2005)	
)	
For: DEVICE FOR FIXING A CHUTE TO A)	
POWDER-PRODUCT-FEED HOPPER OF AN)	
ELECTROLYTIC CELL)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.97 AND 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application as a result of the International Search Report (a copy of which is enclosed), in the corresponding PCT patent application No. PCT/FR2005/000551, and as a result of the Preliminary Search Report (copies of which are enclosed) in the corresponding French Patent Application No. FR 0402538.

This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. Copies of the foreign and non-patent references cited and listed on the enclosed and completed Form-PTO/SB/08A are enclosed.

In accordance with MPEP §§ 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that the documents cited be given thorough consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing by the Examiner on Form-PTO/SB/08A, so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present disclosure statement is being submitted on compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider the cited documents important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of such documents is not to be construed as an admission that such documents are necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art, and in the course of such search, will review for relevance the documents cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within three months of this application's filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicants believe no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 11, 2006

By: /Rebecca P. Rokos/
Rebecca P. Rokos
Registration No. 42,109
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
10 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000
Chicago, IL 60606-7407
Telephone: 312-463-5000
Facsimile: 312-463-5001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number		
Filing Date		2005-03-08
First Named Inventor	BOURGES	
Art Unit		
Examiner Name		
Attorney Docket Number	007035.00028	

U.S. PATENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	4382498	A	1983-05-10	Glendinnig Kenneth P	
	2	4525105	A	1985-06-25	Jaggi Ernst	
	3	4488818	A	1985-02-12	Bjarnason Gudmundur	
	4	3319899	A	1967-05-16	J. N. Strom, et al	

If you wish to add additional U.S. Patent citation information please click the Add button.

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1					

If you wish to add additional U.S. Published Application citation information please click the Add button.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	Kind Code ⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁵
-------------------	---------	--------------------------------------	---------------------------	------------------------	------------------	---	--	----------------

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number		
Filing Date		2005-03-08
First Named Inventor	BOURGES	
Art Unit		
Examiner Name		
Attorney Docket Number	007035.00028	

1	FR1383632	FR	A	1964-12-24	Norsk Aluminium Company AS		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	NL8801742	NL	A	1990-02-01	NKM NL Kraanbouw		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	AU 620626	AU	B	1992-02-20	NKM NL Kraanbouw		<input type="checkbox"/>

If you wish to add additional Foreign Patent Document citation information please click the Add button

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc), date, pages(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁵
	1		<input type="checkbox"/>

If you wish to add additional non-patent literature document citation information please click the Add button

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.USPTO.GOV or MPEP 901.04. ² Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ³ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁴ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁵ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number	
Filing Date	2005-03-08
First Named Inventor	BOURGES
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	007035.00028

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Please see 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 to make the appropriate selection(s):

- ☐ That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

OR

- ☐ That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2).

- ☒ See attached certification statement.
- ☐ Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.
- ☐ None

SIGNATURE

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

Signature	/Rebecca P. Rokos/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2006-09-11
Name/Print	Rebecca P. Rokos	Registration Number	42,109

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**